AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A business model, <u>recorded on a computer readable medium or executed in a computer processor,</u> for use in a data warehouse system ~~adaptable~~ for multiple organizations, the business model comprising:

> a set of dimensions representing business reference aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the set of dimensions ~~configurable to represent~~ <u>representing</u> the business reference aspects of a particular organization;

> a set of measures representing measurements of business activity aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the set of measures ~~configurable to represent~~ <u>representing</u> the business activity aspects of the particular organization; and

> relationships between the set of dimensions and <u>the set of</u> measures, the relationships allowing for functional areas of analysis to use common dimensions for cross-functional analysis.

2.   (Currently amended) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one or more dimensions include one or more placeholders~~ <u>a dimension of the set of dimensions includes a placeholder</u> settable such that a subset of the set of dimensions represents the business reference aspects of the particular organization.

3.   (Currently amended) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein the set of dimensions are is grouped into groupings of dimensions.

4.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes organizational dimensions for financial analysis of the multiple organizations.

5.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes functional document dimensions.

6.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes master dimensions.

7.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes operational entity dimensions.

8.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes financial transaction activity dimensions.

9.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes organizational dimensions for financial analysis of the multiple organizations.

10.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes universal dimensions.

11.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 3, wherein a grouping of dimensions includes functional specific dimensions.

12.   (Currently amended) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein <u>a measure of the set of</u> ~~one or more~~ measures comprise a key performance indicator.

13.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein the set of measures is grouped into areas of analysis to answer business questions applicable to the multiple organizations, a subset of the business questions used to analyze the particular organization.

14.   (Original) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein the set of measures is grouped into functional areas of analysis to answer business questions applicable to a functional area of the multiple organizations, a subset of the business questions used to analyze the functional area of the particular organization.

15.   (Currently amended) The business model claimed in claim ~~1~~ <u>3</u>, wherein a grouping of the set of measures relates to at least one of:

   sales analysis of the multiple organizations for providing information used to analyze and make decisions within a sales division;

   accounts receivable analysis of the multiple organizations;

   general ledger analysis of the multiple organizations;

   accounts payable analysis of the multiple organizations;

   inventory analysis of the multiple organizations; and

   procurement analysis of the multiple organizations.

16.   (Currently amended) The business model claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one or more~~ a measure of the set of measures includes ~~one or more placeholders~~ a placeholder settable such that the subset of the set of measures represent the measurements of business activity aspects of the particular organization.

17 - 30. (Cancelled)

31.   (Currently amended) A dimensional framework, recorded on a computer readable medium or executed in a computer processor, for use as a foundation of a data warehouse system adaptable for multiple organizations, the dimensional framework comprising a set of dimensions of the multiple organizations, the dimensions representing business reference aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the dimensions configurable to represent the business reference aspects of a particular organization.

32 - 33. (Cancelled).

34.   (Currently amended) A computer program product recorded on a computer readable medium, for use in ~~the execution in~~ a computer ~~of~~ implementing a data warehouse system adaptable for multiple organizations, the data warehouse system for managing performance of a particular organization, the data warehouse system comprising:

        a set of dimensions representing business reference aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the set of dimensions ~~configurable to represent~~ representing the business reference aspects of a particular organization;

a set of measures representing measurements of business activity aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the set of measures representing ~~configurable to represent~~ the business activity aspects of the particular organization; and

relationships between the set of dimensions and the set of measures, the relationships allowing for functional areas of analysis to use common dimensions for cross-functional analysis.

35.   (Currently amended) A computer program product recorded on a computer-readable medium, for use in ~~the execution in~~ a computer ~~of~~ implementing a dimensional framework for use as a foundation of a data warehouse system adaptable for multiple organizations, the computer program product ~~comprising a memory having computer readable code embodied therein for~~ storing a data structure for access by an application program being executed on a data processing system, said data structure including information resident in a database used by said application program and including a set of dimensions of the multiple organizations, the dimensions representing business reference aspects of the multiple organizations, a subset of the dimensions configurable to represent the business reference aspects of a particular organization.